

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0912

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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

I am contacting you regarding a constituent business, Detection Innovation Group (DI Group), headquartered in Palm Harbor (Tampa Bay), Florida. Their new technology detects and shuts down contraband phone devices in prisons via the iLink system. The DI Group filed a Petition for Expedited Rulemaking (Petition) in GN Docket No. 13-111, In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC/Commission) has consistently and relentlessly sought to identify new technologies to legally address the urgent need to stop inmate phone calls from contraband devices in prison. Thus, DI Group seeks an expedited determination by the Commission of its new iLink system so that they can test and ultimately deploy its technology in correctional institutions across the United States.

As you know, I have long been an advocate for ensuring that law enforcement and prison officials have the tools they need to identify and stop illegal cell phone use. These contraband devices have been used by inmates to arrange the murder of witnesses and public safety officers, traffic drugs, and manage criminal enterprises. This illegal practice jeopardizes the safety of America's communities and public safety officials. Hence, I support the FCC's efforts to identify new technologies to legally address the urgent need to stop inmate phone calls from contraband devices in prison.

The iLink system detects and eliminates contraband cell phones in prisons and jails via low-cost bracelets that are securely attached to every inmate's ankle and consists of multiple tamper detection levels. The bracelet's detectors are always active, attached to the prisoner, and look for near-field cellular signatures. When a cell phone signal is detected, the iLink bracelet will immediately report the identity of the inmate attempting to use the cell phone to prison officers in real-time and prevent the cell phone from receiving data from the network tower. Notably, the iLink system does not interfere with the cellular network and will detect and interdict only cell

phones held by the inmate or which are very near the inmate. Any cell phone that is more than three meters from a bracelet-wearing inmate will function as normal.

I urge you to expeditiously consider the DI Group's pending Expedited Petition for the reasons outlined above.

Thank you for considering this important request. If you have any questions or need more information, don't hesitate to contact Jonathan Vecchi of my staff at 202-225-5755.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gus M. Binkley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Member of Congress